

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN LILA TAYLOR**, on January 11, 1999 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 402 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Lila Taylor, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Mike Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Eve Franklin (D)  
Sen. Ken Mesaros (R)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)  
Rep. Joe Quilici (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lynn Daily, Committee Secretary  
Mary Beth Linder, OBPP  
Amy Sassano, OBPP  
Jim Turner, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

At 8:00 A.M. **CHAIRMAN TAYLOR, REP. PECK**, Mary Beth Linder, and Amy Sassano met in room 402 for a tour of the Information Services Division.

A formal meeting was called to order at 10:35 A.M.

**Tom O'Connell, Administrator of the Architecture and Engineering Division**, spoke for their budget. **EXHIBIT(jgh07a01)**: Architecture & Engineering Division Operating Budget Presentation 2000-01 Biennium \* See Attachments

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**EXHIBIT (jgh07a02):** Project Listing

**EXHIBIT 1 Attachments**

*Notes from Meeting*

**Bold taken directly from the exhibit**

**Organizational Chart** (Page 2)

17.5 FTEs

**Duties & Responsibilities** (Page 2)

**Develop the Long Range Building Program**

- includes all building requests from state agencies

**Conduct the architect/engineer consultant selection process**

- don't do a lot of inhouse design
  - can do design work for repair or maintenance
  - can't do new designs over \$75,000

**Advertise, bid, and award construction contracts**

- don't have the staff to do this

**Provide planning services to all state agencies**

- help prepare project for the LRBP book

**Statewide Perspective** (Page 3)

**Buildings total over 19,340,000 sq ft**

- all agencies including the universities and Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

**LRBP appropriations are continuing approps.**

- hard to get projects done between sessions
  - most take four to five years

**Funding** (Page 3)

135.6

- Projects funded through bonds, highway fuel tax money, and Fish and Game fees

**LRBP Fact Sheet** (Page 4)

**Other bonds**

- revenue bonds

**Other Cash**

- Fish, Wildlife, and Parks money
- Grants or private money from Universities

**PRBP & the Operational Budget** (Page 5)

**Governor's Recommendations**

**New Projects**

- prison work
- library improvements at Bozeman

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**Questions From Members and Responses**

**SEN. TAYLOR** asks what is the square foot charge on maintenance. **Tom O'Connell** states that most of this takes place in the General Services Division and is about \$1.75/sq ft. **Jim Turner** states that in the budget book the General Services Division is proposing a cost of \$5.30/sq ft. **Amy Sassano** says that the General Services budget doesn't include out of town buildings or leased space.

**REP. QUILICI** asks when buildings are built for the university system, are operating expenses taken care of by the university. **Tom O'Connell** state that this statement is generally true except for Special Education Building at MSU-Billings.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:40 A.M.

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REP. LILA TAYLOR, Chairman

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LYNN DAILY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (jgh07aad)